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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 5915 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 30 AUG

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FOR ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, JO, SA, US  
SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

REF (A) AMMAN 4463, (B) JIDDA 5870, (C) STATE 196840,  
(D) JIDDA 5122

1. I AGREE THAT EMBASSY AMMAN BE INSTRUCTED TO GIVE KING  
HUSSEIN THE NEWS OF THE SAUDI POSITIVE RESPONSE. HOWEVER,  
IN DOING SO I STRONGLY URGE THAT AMMAN SHOULD STRICTLY LIMIT  
ITS STATEMENT TO THE FIRST SENTENCE REFTEL A PARA 5 SUBPARA 1,  
NAMELY, "USG HAS NOW RECEIVED WRITTEN REPLY FROM SAG  
AGREEING TO FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WE PROPOSED FOR FUNDING

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THE FULL \$540 MILLION JORDANIAN AIR DEFENSE PROGRAM."

2. WITH REGARD TO THE INITIAL PAYMENT OF \$63.5 MILLION: THE SAG HAS AGREED TO PAY \$140 MILLION THE FIRST YEAR WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHEN (REF D). IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH IN THE SAG FMS ACCOUNT TO COVER THE \$63.5 MILLION? IT WOULD CERTAINLY HELP EXPEDITE PAYMENT TO DRAW FROM THAT CENTRAL FUND RATHER THAN TRY TO SOLICIT QUICK PAYMENT DURING THE RAMADAN LULL. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS CAN BE DONE.

3. WITH RECEIPT OF THE SAG NOTE AGREEING TO PAYMENT (REF B), I FEEL THAT WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR ROLE IN SHEPHERDING JORDAN'S NEW AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM THROUGH THE SAUDI LABYRINTH. IT IS NOW TIME FOR MORE ROUTINE, MORE NATURAL PROCESSES TO TAKE OVER FOR PAYMENT AND DELIVERY. PORTER UNQTE KISSINGER

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